# LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

LICENSE NUMBER: L247-50836 POLICE FILE NUMBER: 13216

**DATE OF APPLICATION:** 2/6/2012

**INSPECTOR:** Julie Casey

APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY: Sacre Bleu Enterprises, LLC

**DBA/TRADE NAME:** The Blue Door-Longfellow

**COMPLETE ADDRESS:** 3448 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South

**LICENSE REQUESTED:** On Sale Wine with Strong Beer Class E and Place of Amusement

**CURRENT LICENSE:** None

RESPONSIBLE PERSON WITHIN 75 MILES OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL: Patrick

McDonough

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS:** A Public Hearing is required

**LICENSE CONDITIONS:** Required

**NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD:** Longfellow

ZONING: C1

**7 ACRE REQUIREMENT:** Not met. Charter Wine establishment

**OFF-STREET PARKING:** No off street parking required per approved variance

CHURCHES OR SCHOOLS WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PROPOSED PREMISES: Yes.

Sanford Middle School

**SEATING:** Inside seating only: 75

**FIRE OCCUPANCY:** Not established yet.

**FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT:** Must be a full service restaurant.

**HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED: INSIDE:** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES: SAC

determination issued. Payment has not been made because construction has not started.

# **HISTORY OF LOCATION**

This location was previously an appliance repair shop. It will be remodeled to a restaurant before the proposed opening date of June 2012.

### **APPLICANT**

The applicant is Sacre Bleu Enterprises LLC, a Minnesota corporation formed on June 8, 2011 under Chapter 322B (Chapter Number 4331939-2) having the required restriction on the transfer of shares.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<b>Shares</b>
Jeremy Woerner	owner	50%
Patrick McDonough	owner	50%

### MANAGER

The manager shall be owner Patrick McDonough. Mr. McDonough is currently the owner of the Blue Door Restaurant in St. Paul.

### **POLICE REVIEW**

Police licensing have reviewed the expenses and source of funds reported in this application. The applicants have provided documentation showing adequate legal and traceable funding for this venture and have passed the criminal background check. The Third Precinct of the Minneapolis Police has discussed security issues with the applicant.

## **PREMISES**

The lease shows exclusive use of the premises by the applicant. The licensed premises are on the first floor and basement of the establishment. The premises occupy approximately 4,105 square feet. Approximately 1700 square feet of that is for the dining area. The licensed premise is compact and contiguous. The dining area will feature a food service counter that will seat around 12 patrons, and the remainder of the 75 seats will include booths, free standing tables and a front window counter. There will be a game room with four amusement devices.

### **BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS**

The Blue Door-Longfellow is located in an area that does not contain 7 acres of contiguous commercial zoning and is within 300 feet of Sanford Middle School. Minneapolis ordinance limits the issuance of a license without 7 acres of contiguous commercial zoning under Charter Amendment 144. This limits the issuance of a license that restricts the licensee to the following:

- 1. Must be a restaurant with a minimum of 25 seats.
- 2. Cannot have a bar where the primary activity is the consumption of alcohol
- 3. Must meet food to alcohol ration of 70/30.

Additionally, due to their location within 300 feet of a school they cannot have alcohol advertisements on the exterior of their premises.

The proposed hours of operation are seven days a week 11 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The focus of the Blue Door-Longfellow's menu is a wide array of gourmet stuffed burgers known as Juicy Blucys. The rest of the menu planned to compliment the gourmet stuffed burgers.

All staff will undergo alcohol server training on an annual basis through BEST Server Training, LLC. The owners and key-hourly personnel will request identification from any person that appears under the age of 35. The business rewards employees that are diligent in following protocol.

The business premise has been designed to have windows wrapping around the exterior to put eyes on the street. Signs will be posted requesting customers to maintain quiet while leaving the premises. Employees will also be instructed to monitor the sidewalks outside the premise and remind patrons to keep the noise level down. One employee will be stationed outside on the sidewalk at closing time to keep the noise level down. Immediate neighbors will be given the cell phone and contact information to report problems or disturbances directly to the owners.

There is no entertainment planned.

The applicant has applied for a place of entertainment license for a game room. The game room will have four mechanical amusement devices. Those devices include a game with 60 classic Atari games, Powerputt golf, and a game of skills including cards or trivia, and Silverstrike bowling. Under MCO 267.862(d) a manager over the age of 21 must be on duty at all times the game room is being used.

There is no outdoor area.

### PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the Longfellow Community Center. 158 public hearing notices were sent on March 1, 2012. 70 individual attended the public hearing. 40 written responses were received. 24 responses were in complete support of the Blue Door-Longfellow receiving a full on sale with strong beer alcohol license. 16 responses requested that restriction in the form of operation condition be place on their license. There was one written petition from 32 people that requested operating conditions. Those concerns involved excessive noise, hours or operation, outdoor seating, smell, parking issued, outdoor smoking, late happy hours and queue lines.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Business license division recommends that Sacre Bleu Enterprises LLC be granted a charter on sale wine with strong beer license subject to business license operating conditions as listed below.

#### LICENSE CONDITIONS

- 1. The hours shall then be Sunday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m
- 2. Restrictions on the exterior of your business:
  - a. No outdoor seating allowed.
  - b. Your business will be signed to only allow smoking on the Southside of your building only. The business shall be required to instruct patrons of this requirement. A smoking disposal device will be provided.
  - c. Patrons cannot wait for a seat outside of your premises. No exterior queue lines.

- 3. One-half hour before closing, the Blue Door- Longfellow shall post an employee on the sidewalk in front of the establishment to remind patrons that are creating noise to keep noise levels at a minimum. A sign shall be posted at all exits reminding patrons to respect the neighborhood by keeping noise at a minimum.
- 4. A sign shall be posted, inside the Blue Door-Longfellow (at a location to be approved of by the Business License Division) reminding patrons not to park in front of the alley, bus stops, handicapped spaces and school zone. The Blue Door agrees (if allowed by Public Works) to pay for "No parking Between Signs," signs between the alley and Blue Door Drive way.
- 5. The Blue Door-Longfellow will meet with the Environmental Management Division of the City of Minneapolis to conduct a sound check of the game room and any noise admitting equipment to acceptable levels of noise before the opening of the restaurant.
- 6. No deliveries shall occur before 9:00 a.m.
- 7. The business shall provide the neighbors within a one block area a telephone number for complaints. Complaints should be responded to within one business day (if possible and reasonable).
- 8. Windows shall be closed by 10:00 p.m. each night.
- 9. Removal of trash from premises shall be done before 10:00 p.m. each night.